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The Department of Energy (DOE), the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA), and the Energy Facility Contractors Group

(EFCOG) are again providing an opportunity to participate via live webcast in this year's National Cleanup Workshop on September 14-15, 2016.

The National Cleanup Workshop will bring together DOE officials,

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DOE Secretary Moniz, "On Future Nuclear industry executives, state and local officials, and other stakeholders to discuss the DOE Office of Environmental Management's (EM) progress in the cleanup of the environmental legacy of the nation's Manhattan Project and Cold War nuclear weapons program.

Participants will include members of Congress, senior DOE officials, representatives from other federal agencies, industry executives and state and local officials, among others. Topics to be discussed at this year's workshop include EM successes over the past year; high-level waste cleanup; defense high-level waste disposal; and acquisition and contract management, and much more.

View the 2016 National Cleanup Workshop LIVE here. The website will be LIVE starting Wednesday, September 14.

For more information about the workshop, including a full agenda and speaker list, please visit **here**.

We look forward to your online participation!

Guest column: Intermountain Energy Summit wrap-up

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By U.S. Senator Mike Crapo.

Recently, I had the honor of participating in the Intermountain Energy Summit in my hometown of Idaho Falls. The event brought together experts from many areas within the energy industry from across the nation. It is great to see Idaho Falls serve as the home for such a remarkable summit.

I had the opportunity to discuss nuclear energy research and innovation

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proposals I have introduced in the U.S. Senate. The following is a condensed version of my remarks:

Since the 1950s, the Idaho National Laboratory has produced over 50 one-of-a-kind nuclear reactors. This is an extraordinary accomplishment. Today, the INL continues to shine with its leadership in creating accident-tolerant fuels, supporting the current light water fleet, and driving innovation through small modular reactors and other advanced nuclear concepts. The lab is the nation's lead nuclear lab, and is also the workplace of 4,000 talented Idahoans.

I am a strong supporter of the lab and its nuclear research. Nuclear energy is good for jobs, it is good for the economy, it is good for our air and it is a great source of base-load clean energy. As our nation focuses more on clean, secure, reliable sources of energy, the benefits of nuclear power have brought together people of all political stripes. We have seen increased bipartisan support for nuclear energy this year in Congress.

In January, I introduced the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act (NEICA). The Senate version of NEICA would encourage innovation in nuclear by allowing private sector access to the capabilities of our national labs to test reactor designs and concepts. NEICA creates a National Nuclear Innovation Center, which will function as a database to store and share knowledge on nuclear science between federal agencies and the private sector. It is my dream to have INL host this center.

NEICA was added as an amendment to the Energy Policy Modernization Act in an overwhelming 87-4 vote. The measure is the Senate companion to the House measure of the same name. I am working closely with my House and Senate colleagues to enact this measure as soon as possible.



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The next step is making sure the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is able to license emerging advanced reactor designs and improve its budgeting transparency. As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, I am keenly interested in ensuring that the NRC can regulate the safety and security of the industry without creating market barriers and disincentives to investment. In April, I joined Senators Inhofe, Booker, and Whitehouse in introducing the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA). NEIMA increases transparency and accountability in the NRC's budget and fee structure and directs the agency to develop a technology-inclusive regulatory framework enabling the commission to review a diverse set of advanced reactor technologies. This measure passed the EPW Committee with a strong, 17-3 vote.

Through public-private partnerships, congressional oversight, and efforts such as NEICA and NEIMA, we can work to change the marketplace conditions to improve the economics facing the current fleet of nuclear reactors. With continued bipartisan efforts, Congress can work to ensure government does not stand in the way of our next advances in nuclear energy.

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